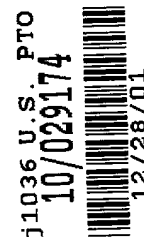




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Box PATENT APPLICATION
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New U.S. Patent Application
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Title: HIGH-PERFORMANCE TYRE FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) as a **Continuation** application of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP00/05994 filed June 28, 2000 which claimed priority of Italian Patent Application No. MI99 A 001447, filed June 30, 1999 and claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/155,142, Filed September 22, 1999.

1. Application- 20 pages, including 2 independent claims and 11 claims total(as amended) and Copy of cover page of WO 01/02194.
2. Drawings- 7 sheets of formal drawings containing 9 figures. (Figures 1-9).
3. Preliminary Amendment with Abstract and Appendix to Preliminary Amendment
4. Verified Translation of Provisional Application No. 60/155,142, filed September 22, 1999 containing 20 pages and 7 sheets of drawings and verification (1 page)
5. Filing of the Literal Translation of the Provisional Application under 35 U.S.C. 119(e).

6. Certified copy of Italian Application No. MI99 A 001447, filed June 30, 1999.
7. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with documents.
8. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$740	\$ \$740.00
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Total Claims	11	-	20		x \$18	
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This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). Applicant awaits notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration.

Applicant claims the right to priority based on Italian Patent Application No. MI99 A 001447, filed June 30, 1999 and claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/155,142, Filed September 22, 1999.

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**FILING OF THE LITERAL TRANSLATION OF THE PROVISIONAL
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Enclosed is the literal translation of the Provisional Application Serial No 60/155,142 which was filed on September 22, 1999. The translation is being filed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.78(a) and within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5). Also enclosed is a verification by the translator testifying to the accuracy of the translation.

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